Presented with WOMAN'S WEEKLY

MEN'S CHECK SOCKS

FOR EACH PAIR OF SOCKS 3 OZS MAIN COLOUR 3-PLY AND APPROX 1 OZS CONTRASTS

ABBREVIATIONS : *K., knit ; p., purl ; st., stitch ; sts., stitches ; rep., repeat ; tog., together ; st.-st., stocking-stitch (1 row k. 1 row p. alternately when knitted in rows, but every round k. when knitted in rounds). M, main colour ; G., green ; Y, yellow ; R, red ; W, white ; B, bright blue.*

MEASUREMENTS OF SOCKS : *Each pair measures about 13 inches from top to base of heel and may have foot length of 10, 10½ or 11 inches.*

TENSION OF KNITTING : *Over the Fair Isle patterns, 9 sts. to 1 inch and 29 rows to 3 inches, but over the plain stocking-stitch, 9 sts. and 12 rows to 1 inch.*

SOCKS WITH DIAMOND PATTERN

MATERIALS : *Of 3-ply Botany Fingering, allow 3 oz. in main colour (wine) and 1 oz. each in green and yellow ; 2 No. 13 and 2 No. 11 knitting needles, and 4 No. 12 knitting needles with points at both ends.*

TO MAKE

With the 2 No. 13 needles and M wool, cast on 76 sts. and work in rows of k. 1, p. 1 ribs for 3 inches. Now, divide your G and Y wools each into 2 balls, and changing to No. 11 needles, begin the Fair Isle pattern. This is to be worked with the aid of Chart 1. Each square in the chart stands for 1 st. and the colour to work the sts. is shown by the key. On k. rows read chart from right to left and on p. rows from left to right and note that a separate ball of G is used for each green check and a separate ball of Y for each yellow check to save carrying these colours across work. Thus 1st and 2nd rows would be worked as follows :

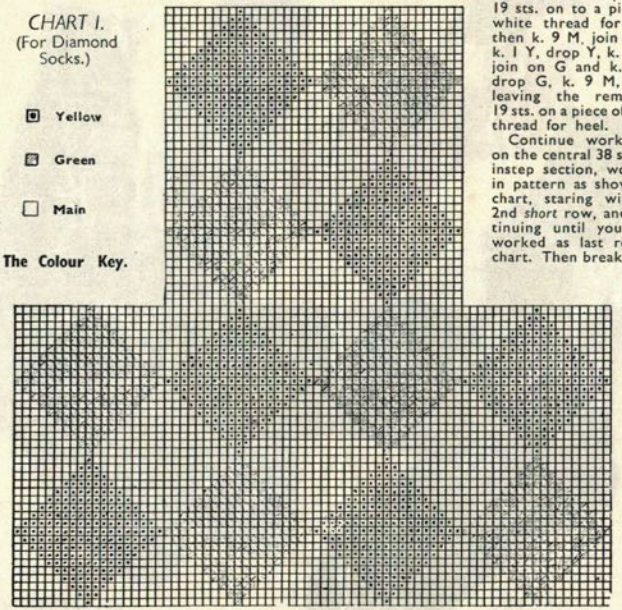
1st Fair Isle row : K. 9 M, * join on a ball of G, k. 1 G, drop the G wool, k. 18 M, join on a ball of Y, k. 1 Y, drop Y wool, k. 18 M ; rep. from *, but finish row with 9 M.

2nd row : P. 8 M, * 3 Y, drop Y, p. 16 M, 3 G, drop G, p. 16 M ; rep. from * but finish row with 8 M.

Continue in pattern as chart shows, starting with its 3rd row, and continue until you have worked 38th Fair Isle row, noting, however, that you must fasten off the G and Y wools after the 19th row and rejoin them on following row in the new positions required. On completing 38th row, again fasten off Y and G wools and rep. the 38 Fair Isle rows again, thus completing 76th Fair Isle row. Fasten off G and Y wools.

77th row : K. 19 with M colour and slip these 19 sts. on to a piece of white thread for heel, then k. 9 M, join on Y, k. 1 Y, drop Y, k. 18 M, join on G and k. 1 G, drop G, k. 9 M, turn, leaving the remaining 19 sts. on a piece of black thread for heel.

Continue work only on the central 38 sts. for instep section, working in pattern as shown by chart, staring with its 2nd *short* row, and continuing until you have worked as last row of chart. Then break off all wools and leave these 38 sts. on a st.-holder.



** Join back seam of sock, taking care not to catch in the black and white threads that hold your heel sts.

Now slip the 19 sts. from black thread on to a No. 12 needle, join on M wool on wrong side at seam edge and p. these 19 sts., turn, k. 19 and with the needle holding these sts. k. the 19 sts. from the white thread There are now 38 sts. on your needle for the heel. Using M wool and 2 No. 12 needles, continue thus : Work 25 rows st.-st., starting and ending with a p. row, then turn heel.

1st row : K. 28, k. 2 tog., turn.

2nd row : P. 19, p. 2 tog., turn.

3rd row : K. 19, k. 2 tog., turn.

4th row : P. 19, p. 2 tog., turn. Rep. 3rd and 4th rows until 20 sts. remain, all on one needle, and ending with a p. row.

Next row : Still using M wool, pick up and p. 14 sts. along one side edge of heel, finishing at corner where sts. were divided for instep, turn.

Next row : K. these 14 sts. and the 20 heel sts., then pick up and k. 14 sts. down other side edge of heel ; turn. **Next row :** P.

Next row : K. 1, k. 2 tog., k. to last 3 sts., k. 2 tog. through backs of sts., k. 1.

Rep. last 2 rows until 38 sts. remain, then continue without further shapings until under-foot part measures the same length as the instep section, ending with a k. row, then work in rounds with the M wool and 4 No. 12 needles as follows :

1st round : With 1st needle, k. all 38 sts. of instep. With 2nd needle, k. 19 sts. of under-foot. With 3rd needle, k. remaining 19 sts. of under-foot.

Using 4th needle, continue to work in rounds of st.-st. until work measures 6½ inches from where heel sts. were picked up (for a 10-inch foot), or 6¾ inches (for a 10½-inch foot) or 7¼ inches (for an 11-inch foot).

Now start to shape toe.

Dec. round : 1st needle : K. 1, k. 2 tog., k. to last 3 sts., k. 2 tog. through backs of sts., k. 1.

2nd needle : K. 1, k. 2 tog., k. to end. 3rd needle : K. to last 3 sts., k. 2 tog. through backs of sts., k. 1. **Next round :** K.

Rep. the last 2 rounds until 28 sts. remain.

Slip the 2 sets of under-foot sts. on to one needle so that you have two sets of 14 sts. and graft the 2 sets of sts. tog., or turn sock inside out and cast off the two sets tog. Join seams at sides of foot, then press work with a warm iron over a damp cloth. Make 2nd sock to match**.

SOCKS WITH OVERCHECK

MATERIALS : *Of good quality 3-ply Botany Fingering, allow 3 oz. in main colour (grey) and 1 oz. each in red and green, 2 No. 13 and 2 No. 11 knitting needles and 4 No. 12 knitting needles pointed at both ends.*

TO MAKE

With No. 13 needles, cast on 76 sts. and work in rows of k. 1, p. 1 ribs for 3½ inches. Changing to No. 11 needles, begin Fair Isle pattern, noting that a separate 3-yard length of R is to be used for each vertical R stripe in pattern and a separate 3-yard length of G for each vertical G stripe, to avoid carrying them across work from one place to another, so before commencing pattern, cut off three 3-yard lengths of G and R for each sock and wind the remainder of these colours each into one ball, to use for knitting the horizontal stripes.

1st Fair Isle row : K. 11 M, * join on a length of G, k. 1 G, drop the G wool, k. 2 M, join on a length of R, k. 1 R, drop R wool, k. 21 M ; rep. from * to end, but finish last rep. with 11 M.

2nd row : P. 11 M, * 1 R, drop R, p. 2 M, 1 G, drop G, p. 21 M ; rep. from * to end, but finish last rep. with 11 M. Break off M ; join on the *ball* of G.

3rd row : K. with the ball of G. Break off this ball of G ; join on M.

4th row : As 2nd row. **5th row :** As 1st row. Break off M ; join on the ball of R.

6th row : P. with the ball of R. Break off the ball of R.

*** Rep. 1st and 2nd rows 11 times, except that you will not have to join on your lengths of R and G. Break off M ; join on the ball of G ; rep. 3rd to 6th rows inclusive. Break off the ball of R ***.

Rep. from *** to *** once more, then work 1st and 2nd rows 7 times more, thus completing 72nd Fair Isle row from start. Fasten off the outer lengths of R and G used for vertical stripes.

Next row : K. 19 sts. with M and slip them on to a piece of white thread, then k. 17 M, 1 G, 2 M, 1 R, 17 M, turn, leaving remaining 19 sts. on a piece of black thread.

Continue in pattern on central 38 sts. for 37 rows. Break off all wools and leave sts. on a st.-holder. Now work as diamond pattern socks from ** to **.

SOCKS WITH ARGYLL PATTERN

MATERIALS : *Of good quality 3-ply Botany Fingering, allow 3 oz. main colour (navy blue) and 1 oz. each in bright blue and white and a few yards in red, 2 No. 11 and 2 No. 13 knitting needles, 4 No. 12 needles pointed at both ends.*

TO MAKE

With the 2 No. 13 needles and M wool, cast on 76 sts. and work in rows of k. 1, p. 1 ribs for 3½ inches. Now divide your M, W and B wools each into 2 balls and the R wool into 4 balls, and changing to No. 11 needles, begin the Fair Isle pattern. This is to be worked with the aid of Chart 2. Each square in chart stands for 1 st. and the colour to work the sts. is shown by the key. Note also that one ball of M wool is used for the M sts. on first half of each row and another ball for the M sts. on remainder of row, to avoid carrying it right across from side to side ; for the same reason a separate ball of W is used for each large white check and a separate ball of B for each large B check, while a separate ball of R wool is used for each diagonal R stripe.

Thus the first and second Fair Isle rows should be worked as follows :

1st Fair Isle row : Join on a ball of W and k. 1 W, drop the W wool, k. 17 M,

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join on 2 balls of R and k. 2 R, using one ball for 1st st. and the other for 2nd st., drop R wools, k. 17 M, drop this ball of M, join on a ball of B, k. 2 B, drop B, join on 2nd ball of M, k. 17 M, join on 2 balls of R, k. 2 R, using one ball for 1st st. and the other ball for 2nd st., drop R, k. 17 M, join on another ball of W and k. 1 W.

2nd row : P. 2 W, drop W, p. 15 M, 1 R, drop R, p. 2 M, 1 R, drop R, p. 15 M, drop M, p. 4 B, drop B, p. 15 M, with 2nd ball of this, p. 1 R, drop R, p. 2 M, 1 R, drop R, p. 15 M, 2 W.

Continue in pattern as chart shows, starting with its 3rd row and proceed until 72nd Fair Isle row is completed, noting that after 36th row you must fasten off the W and B wools and rejoin on next row.

On completing 72nd row, again fasten off B and W wools and proceed thus :

73rd row : K. 19 M and slip these 19 sts. on to a piece of white thread, then k. 1 R, drop R, k. 17 M, drop M, join on a ball of B and k.2 B, drop B, then k. 17 M with the 2nd ball of M k. 1 R, turn, leaving the remaining 19 sts. on a piece of black thread.

Continue work only on the central 38 sts. for instep as chart shows, starting with its 2nd short row, and continue until you have worked as last row of chart. Break off all wools and leave these sts. on a st.-holder. Now work as from ** to ** of diamond pattern socks.

CHART 2.
(For Argyll Socks.)

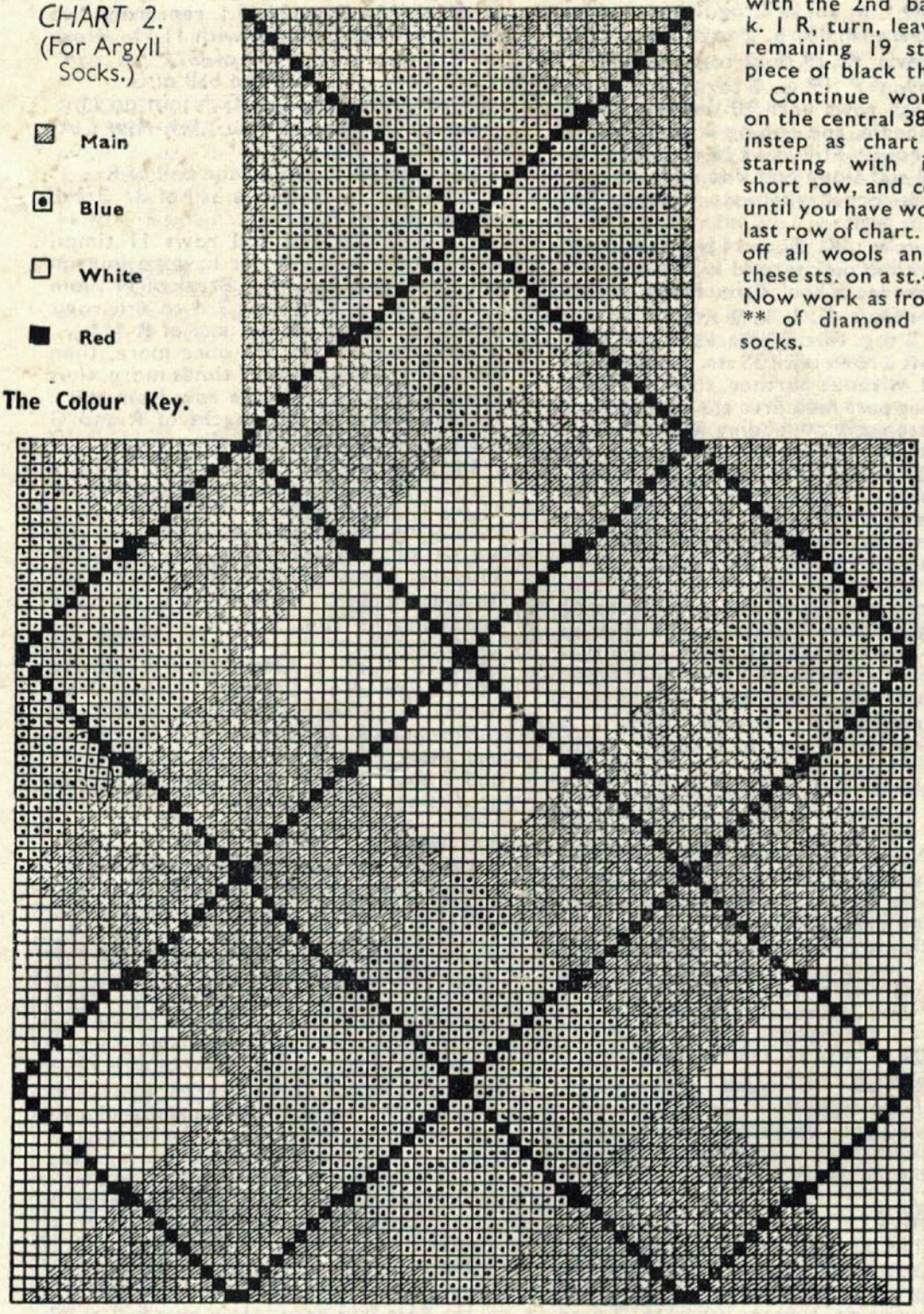
Main

Blue

White

Red

The Colour Key.



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